



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Harvesting continued on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton planted is at 75 percent, above last year and the 5-year average at 72 and 70 percent, respectively. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. Central Arizona growers had no movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped celery and seedless watermelons last week. Recent rains across the State were fairly general and good for new forage. Thirty-one weather stations reported precipitation last week. Coolidge and Desert Ridge recorded the least at 0.01 inches while Pipe Springs reported the most at 1.43 inches. Bonita, Bullhead City, and Yuma Valley year to date precipitation is at 118, 117, and 111 percent of normal, respectively. The driest, at 29 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 91 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 23 degrees at Window Rock.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Headed	65	50	59	83
Cotton				
Planted.....	75	55	72	70
Emerged	24	NA	21	NA
Durum wheat				
Headed	60	40	74	83
Winter wheat				
Emerged	95	90	69	70

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	3	--	NA
Short	26	26	21	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	70	NA
Surplus	6	6	9	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	15	--	NA
Short	10	10	17	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	82	NA
Surplus	4	4	1	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	4	3	5	2
Poor	--	--	1	2
Fair	12	12	8	19
Good.....	42	44	37	44
Excellent.....	42	41	49	33
Barley				
Very poor	2	2	--	NA
Poor	--	--	3	NA
Fair	11	11	43	NA
Good.....	43	48	40	NA
Excellent.....	44	39	14	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor	1	1	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	6	7	8	NA
Good.....	32	33	72	NA
Excellent.....	61	59	19	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	13	11	25
Poor	13	13	10	22
Fair	37	38	36	28
Good.....	30	32	41	22
Excellent.....	4	4	2	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	11	10	10	NA
Poor	--	--	19	NA
Fair	13	13	24	NA
Good.....	39	40	23	NA
Excellent.....	37	37	24	NA

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_05012016.pdf